

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remain of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the above amendments to the Specification, Claims, Drawings and the following remarks.

Claims Status

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 39-44 were allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections based on 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants have done this and it is respectfully submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. Specifically, Claims 39-44 are pending in this Application, while Claims 33-38 have been canceled. Thus, Claims 1-38 stand canceled and Claims 39-44 remain for prosecution.

The amendments to Claims 39-44 will be discussed in more detail below.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claims 33, 35, 37, 39, and 41. As noted above, Claims 33, 35 and 37 have been canceled.

The Examiner suggested certain amendments to Claims 39 and 41. These suggestions are appreciated and have been adopted herein.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC, 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 33-44 had been rejected under 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph, as being indefinite. As noted above, Claims 33-38 have been canceled.

With respect to Claim 39, the preamble of the claim has been amended to avoid the ambiguity noted by the Examiner.

With respect to Claim 42, the phraseology "in the assembled condition" has been deleted to avoid the ambiguity noted by the Examiner.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 33-38 have been rejected as being unpatentable over a combination of Choppe and Ryan.

As noted above, Claims 34-38 have been canceled.

Specification Objections

The amendment dated May 7, 2007 had been objected to as adding new matter to the Application. Specifically, the seventh paragraph on page 9 had been objected to for the sentence that it added. Page 9, seventh paragraph, has been amended to delete the added sentence. Respectfully, this new matter rejection has now been overcome.

Additionally, Figure 13 had been objected to as being new matter. Applicants hereby request that Figure 13 be canceled. Additionally, the Specification had been amended to delete the reference to Figure 13 both on page 9 and pages 18 and 19. Respectfully, the new matter objection to Figure 13 has now been overcome.

On page 6, first paragraph, the term "narrow side" was objected to. The term "narrow" has been deleted in front of "side".

Respectfully, the new matter objections have now been overcome by the amendments made to the Specification and the cancellation of drawing 13.

Request for Extension of Time

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The appropriate fee associated with the extension of time has been paid concurrently herewith. Should any additional fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain the Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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